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GOING—toward 3000.

WE are not yet there, but *going* that way.

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MRS. Mary Ellen Lease, the well known speaker, and advocate of Populist principles and female suffrage, has entered the ministry of the Christian church. She was at one time a candidate for U. S. Senate and has now retired from politics.

REV. Dr. Charles G. Fihser Publisher and Editor of the *Reformed Church Messenger* died suddenly at noon Tuesday, February 25, at his home. The Dr. was at his office in the morning, seemingly in good health. While seated at the table, the family were surprised at the prolonged pause before asking the blessing. When they looked toward him he was dead. Dr. Fisher was well known, among others than the people of his own communion. Henry C. Bowen, Editor and Proprietor of that prince among religious papers, also died, February 24, in the eighty-third year of his age.

REV. Cornelius Woelfkin, of Brooklyn, recently declined a call to succeed Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, at an advance of \$4,000 over his present salary. Yet it is charged that ministers are largely governed by mere pecuniary considerations. Here is one of many conspicuous illustrations of the fact that the charge is without foundation.

ACCORDING to official figures, the sale of beer in this country, from July 1, 1894 to July 1, 1895, amounted to 33,469,661 barrels, or 1,036,559,491 gallons. This would give about 170 large glasses to every man, woman and child of the entire population of that year. Since thousands of people drank none at all, and thousands more but very little, it follows that many thousand drank from 1000 to 2000 glasses each. \$500,000,000 for beer alone. Who pays it?

JUDGING from the elaborate reports of prize fights that appear in our daily papers, one would think that there is no respectable public sentiment against these brutal exhibitions. Important matter may be, and often is, crowded out of the columns of our large dailies, but the *prize fight never*. It has full swing of publication, and appears in all its details and descriptions. Scarcely any part of the everyday news paper is more carefully edited than that devoted to the prize fight. It cheers our hopes and encourages our faith, however, when we remember the fact that the bill having the quickest passage through Congress on record, is the bill passed not long ago, to prohibit prize fighting in States and Territories not here tofore protected by law. The bill was *five* minutes in passing the House, and went through the Senate in just *three* minutes. The President signed it and it became a law the same day. After all the sentiment of the country is against the prize fight. What if such men as Fitzsimmons and Maher would really have to *work* for a living.

EVERY time a Christian goes wrong he makes it harder for some sinner to go right.

A FEW weeks ago the secretary of the S. C. E. sent us the names of the subscribers to the National Organizer's Fund, requesting us to publish them, indicating with a * those who had not yet paid their subscription. In the list of unpaid subscriptions appears the name of Mrs. R. C. Sellers, of Miamisburg, O. This was an error as the sister has paid her subscription long ago.

WE call special attention to our Quarters Announcement of Sunday-school Literature on page 13. The necessary blanks will be mailed this week. In making out your order, please use the *Order Blank*. The valuable improvements in our Literature should bring us large orders from every part of the brotherhood. Should you fail to get circulars and order blanks, please write for them.

WE clip the following from the *Buena Vista Advocate*:

"The lecture on last Friday night at Epworth hall, by our gifted townsman, Rev. B. C. Moomaw, was a decided hit. "The Rum Valley Grand Central" was his subject. It was an allegorical presentation of the evils of intemperance. Irrespective of the theme the presentation was most delightfully entertaining. We have not laughed as much for some time.

Mr. Moomaw's descriptive powers are splendid; his word paintings excellent. His transition from the tragic to the comic is frequent and striking. The whole was forcefully presented, highly appreciated and well calculated to accomplish great good. We learn that Mr. Moomaw will repeat it in the near future. We trust he will as a larger attendance would be a certainty. Every one in the city should hear the lecture. By the bye, if sister towns want to listen to something good, they had better arrange with Mr. Moomaw to deliver it to them.